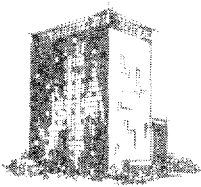


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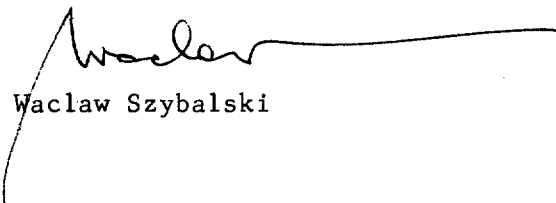
Dr. Joshua Lederberg
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Dear Josh:

Enclosed is the first draft of my letter requesting the suspension of regulations based on the so-called NIH Guidelines. I would greatly appreciate your suggestions and modifications as to make this proposal more effective. I realize that at present the chances of passing this "suspension of regulations" proposal are small because of political reasons, but it is important to start somewhere. My conscience tells me that I have to do it; otherwise I would feel negligent in not defending the freedom of inquiry against unnecessary bureaucratic tyranny. Also, I feel compelled to warn the public that the legitimate environmental and public health efforts are being misdirected by concentrating scarce funds and regulatory actions on the alleviation of concerns about insignificant or hypothetical "risks".

With the warmest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,



Wacław Szybalski

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Enc.